absence of a law of the Parliament regulating Government of India / State Government Lotteries, State Governments have been conducting lotteries by exercising the above executive power. As regards Power to regulate Private lotteries Entry 34 of List II relating to "Betting and Gambling" extends the Legislative Competence of State Legislations to cover regulation of private lotteries. State Governments are primarily responsible for checking the malpractices and to regulate the lottery bazaars. Central Government has issued guidelines from time to time since 1984 to the States / UTs to regulate the lottery business.

मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में रसोई गैस के कनेक्शनों का दिया जाना

347. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में तरलीकृत पेट्रोलियम गैस के वितरण के संबंध में कोई विशेष योजना तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध मे ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में रसोई गैस के कितने कनेक्शन दिये गये;

(घ) इस संबंध में सरकर द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है और इस व्यवस्था को ठीक प्रकार से लागू करने के लिए क्या ठोस कदम उठाये गये हैं; और

(ङ) 31 दिसम्बर, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार आदिवासी क्षेत्रों के बारे में इस संबंध में क्या स्थिति है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) और (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Proposal for Development of Tapti Gas Fields

348. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted to the Central Government any proposal for the development of Tapti Gas Fields; and

(b) if so, by when a decision will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Two undertakings of the Gujarat Government have submitted bids along with others. The matter is at an advanced stage of consideration.

Increasing Prices of LPG under Alleged Pressure of World bank

349. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goverment have increased the prices of LPG under the pressure of World Bank and International Monetary Fund when the prices of Gas and Petroleum products are decreasing in the International Market;

(b) if so, what are the details of the target Government want to achieve by increasing the LPG price stating its effect on middle and lower class consumers;

(c) whether Government will consider to provide subsidies on cooking gas to bring down the prices in the interest of consumers; and

(d) whether Government will also increase the supply of LPG to the consumers both in the urban and rural areas; if so, what are the details thereof

and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The price of LPG packed (domestic) sold in cylinders is subsidised by Rs. 61/-per cylinder of 14.2.KG.

(d) In order to increase the availability of LPG and make more LPG available, Government has introduced the scheme of Parallel Marketing and reduced the customs duty from 85% to 25% on imports of LPG.

Waiting List for L.P.G.

350. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of masses in the country particularly in the State of Punjab are on the waiting lists for domestic L.P. Gas connections during the year 1991-93;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to clear the said waiting lists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The LPG waiting list in the country and in the State of Punjab during the years 1991-93 is as under:

(Figs. in lakhs)

As on	LPG Waiting List in the country	LPG Waiting list in Punjab
1.4.91	69.6	3.71
1.4.92	87.8	4.28
1.4.93	101.4	4.45

The demand of LPG has always been considerably higher than its availability.

(c) Efforts are being made by the oil companies to increase the availability of LPG in the country by augmenting production from the existing sources, commissioning of new sources and through imports.

Ex-Factory Prices of Petroleum Products

351. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basic ex-factory price for each of the principal petroleum products in different parts of the country;

(b) the criteria underlying the fixation of such ex-factory prices; and

(c) whether consideration of balanced economic development are taken into account while fixing the ex-factory prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) A statement showing the ex-storage point prices of petroleum products is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The fixation of these prices is governed by consideration of subsidising the products used by vulnerable sections of the society, prompting the right inter-fuel substitution and oil conservation.